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ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

DC Electrical Characteristics (25° C)						
Item	Symbol	Min.	Typical	Maximum	Unit	Condition
Supply Voltage	V_{CC}	2.6		5.5	V	
Maximum Active Supply Current	I_{CC}			1.1 per track + I_{MDL}	mA	$I_{MDL}=(V_{CC} - V_{OL})/10K$
Maximum Sleep Current	I_{SLEEP}			30 per track + I_{MDH}	µA	$I_{MDH}=(V_{CC} - V_{OH})/10K$
Minimum High Level Voltage	V_{OH}		V_{CC}-0.03		V	I_{OUT}=50µA
			2.3		V	I_{OUT}=3mA, V_{CC}=2.6V
			5.25		V	I_{OUT}=6mA, V_{CC}=5.5V
Maximum Low Level Voltage	V_{OL}		0.1		V	I_{OUT}=50µA
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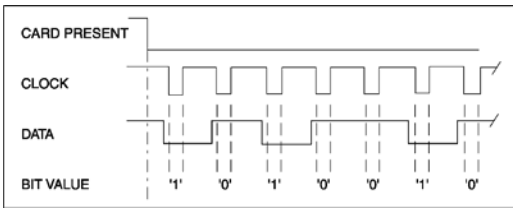

CLOCK: The CLOCK output is narrow pulse normally high, and goes low when data is valid. The data level is stable at both the rising and falling edges of the CLOCK pulse. CLOCK pulse width is typically 32 microseconds.

CARD PRESENT: The CARD PRESENT signal indicates data is being read from the media being passed through the slot. It will not switch until flux reversals (magnetic pulses) have been detected. After the flux reversals have been detected, CARD PRESENT goes low. It stays low throughout the reading process and for 5 to 10 milliseconds, after the last flux reversal is read. Typically, CARD PRESENT is used to signal the start and finish of a card read. It may also be used as an interrupt signal for alerting the firmware that the reading operation is in process.

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Operating Temperature:	32° F to 131° F (0° C to 55° C).
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Humidity:	Maximum 95% non-condensing.
MTBF:	Read electronics, 21,000,000 POH.
Magnetic Head Life:	1,000,000 passes minimum.
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Read Rate:	Less than one error in 100,000 bits on cards conforming to ISO7811 1-5 (not induced by operator error).
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Card Thickness:	.01 to .045 inches.
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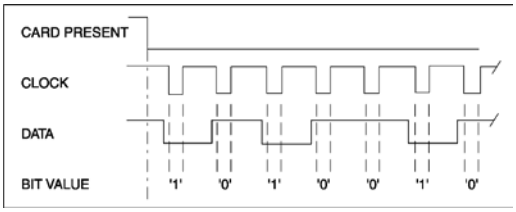

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The electronics are based on ASIC technology designed for use with magnetic stripe cards encoded with F2F, ANSI, and ISO-conforming data. The MiniMag reliably processes data encoded within ANSI and ISO standards, on both high and low coercivity magnetic media. The circuit is designed to read cards demagnetized down to 30% or 40% of ISO and ANSI signal levels, on tracks 1/3 or 2 respectively. These reading characteristics are designed to insure that the MiniMag will reliably read 'real world' cards.

In order to insure reliable reading under varying conditions, the EasyMag will reliably read magnetic media at speeds from 3 inches per second (IPS) to 60 IPS with typical accelerations. The output signals consist of a DATA and CLOCK for each encoded track. The electronics operate from 2.6VDC to 5.5VDC.

A CARD PRESENT signal is provided to alert the host when magnetic media is passed through the reader. It is activated after magnetic pulses have been detected and stays valid until after the last pulse is read. Media may be read bi-directionally without any pre-conditioning of the electronics, although the host system must employ enough data storage to ensure it can properly recognize the decoded bit sequence.

HOST CONNECTIONS

The undecoded EasyMag reader is connected to a decoder box using a 9-pin squeeze-to-release connector. Pinout designations are as follows:

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1	BLUE	CLK1
2	BROWN	DATA1
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